GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4887
ANSWERED ON:19.04.2001
NON-ELECTRIIFCATION OF THE VILLAGES OF JHARKHAND
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages which have not been electrified in Jharkhand till date, district-wise;

(b) the time by which the complete electrification are likely to be carried out in Jharkhand; and

(c) the hurdles in the way of rural electrification of Jharkhand and the steps being taken to remove these hurdles?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : The district-wise details of number of villages unelectrified in Jharkhand are given at Annexure.

(b) & (c) : The priorities for Rural Electrification programme are determined by the State Electricity Boards/Power Utilities, who own and operate the distribution system in the States, as per the policy and directions of the State Governments. The time frame for complete electrification of villages would depend upon the financial resources for creating infrastructure for strengthening the distribution system, availability of power in the State and demand from the consumers.

Finance Minister, in his speech while presenting the Union Budget for 2001-02 has announced a package of initiatives to improve the power distribution system in rural areas. This includes : completion of electrification of bulk of the remaining villages in the next six years; extension of assistance to the States for village electrification works under the Prime Minister`s Gramodyog Yojana (PMGY) whose funding is being augmented; stepping up credit support from the Rural Electrification Corporation to SEBs for speedy electrification of dalit bastis, households of scheduled tribes and other weaker sections of society; improving the quality of power supply in villages, augmentation of distribution networks in rural areas supported by REC under the Accelerated Power Development Programme; earmarking a sum of at least Rs.750 crore out of RIDF for rural electrification works; augmenting the resources of REC, by allowing it to float capital gains tax exemption bonds along with NABARD and NHAI under Section 54 EC of the Income Tax Act. The proposals for electrification of villages in Jharkhand would also be covered under the above mentioned package of initiatives.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4887 TO BE ANSWERED IN T LOK SABHA ON 19.4.2001.

STATEMENT SHOWING DISTRICTWISE UNELECTRIFIED VILLAGES IN JHARKHAND

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of Unelectrified Villages
1.	Deoghar	1010
2.	Dumka	2357
3.	Godda	854
4.	Sahebganj	
5.	Pakur	1356
6.	Ranchi	
7	Loherdaga	632
8.	Gumla	760

9. Palamu	
10 Garhwa	1666
11. E.Singbhum	
12. W.Singbhum	1956
13. Hazaribagh	
14. Chatra	
15. Koderma	1748
16. Girdih	1553
17. Dhanbad	
18. Bekare	484
TOTAL	14376